

TMCC Trendsetters

TMCC employees and students collected 1,878 pounds of food for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada during the holiday food drive.

Philip M. Ringle, Ph.D., TMCC president, was elected vice chair of the High Sierra Industries board of trustees and will serve a two-year term.

Ellis Antunez, professor, architecture, will present two seminars entitled "Irrigation Plan Reading" and "Landscape Plan Reading" at the Nevada Landscape Association Annual Trade Show and Conference in February.

Anne-Louise Bennett, executive director, institutional advancement, has been appointed to the leadership team of the Attorney General's Corporate Citizen Initiative Against Domestic Violence (CCI). She will represent the UCCSN on this board, which is responsible for educating employers about domestic violence and encouraging them to address the problem through company policies and community involvement.

The oral history interviews by **Vikki Ford**, staff writer, publications and public information office, with Art Bernard, former state mine inspector and state prison warden, have been edited by Kathleen Coles and are available in a research volume published by the University of Nevada Oral History Program.

Diane Nicolet, director, E.L. Cord Child Care Center, will participate in a panel in February with members of the Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce's Adult Leadership Program. She will discuss early care and its link to literacy.

Michael Rainey, dean, Outreach College, recently was elected to a two-year term as a member of the board of directors of the Northern Nevada Human Resources Association and will chair the publicity committee. He has been a NNHRA member for over 20 years. Also, Rainey was re-elected to the board of directors of the Nevada World Trade Council for another two-year term and will serve as treasurer.

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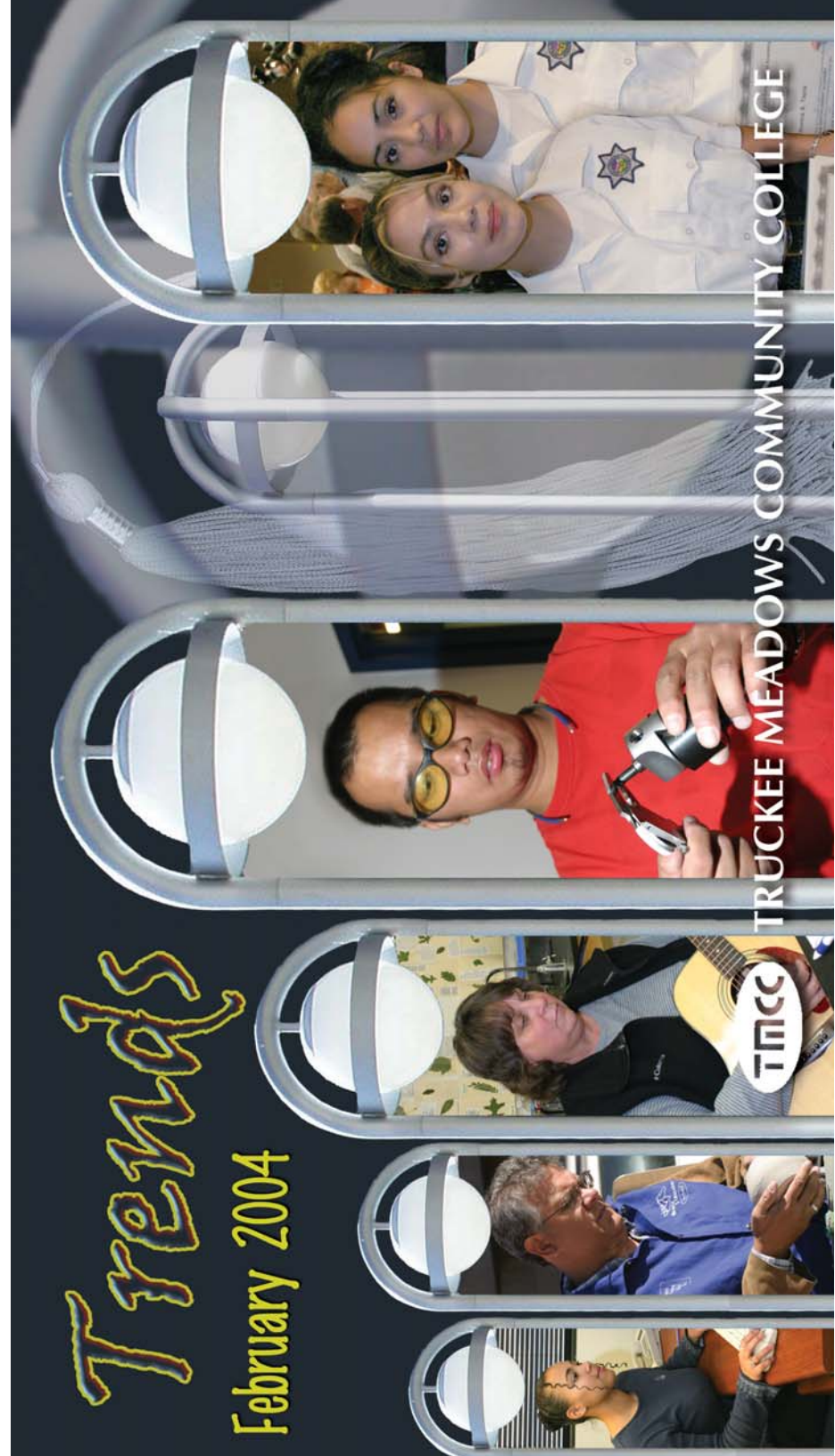
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TMCC Wish List

- **Two Gateway 450XL notebook computers for faculty checkout**
\$4,500
- **LEGO® robotics kits for physical science**
\$3,342
- **Slide scanner, Nikon Coolscan, 35mm scanner for media services**
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- **Portable smart classroom for graphic arts**
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\$300

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TMCC Receives \$397,000 Congressional Award

Congressional Award will fund new manufacturing degree, teaching assistant certificates and faculty training.

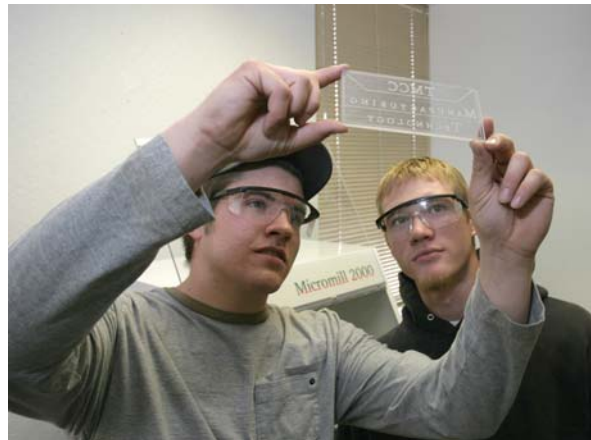
U.S. Senator John Ensign (R-Nev.) presented a \$397,000 Congressional Award to Truckee Meadows Community College to help fund new initiatives targeting workforce development.

"This check is to further the great work and to recognize what TMCC has done and will continue to do," Ensign said as he presented the award to TMCC President Philip Ringle, Ph.D., at the college's Technical Institute, Edison Campus.

The grant will fund a new associate of applied science degree (AAS) in manufacturing technology; a new certificate program for teaching paraprofessionals, or teachers' assistants, as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act; and a Center for Teaching Excellence to upgrade faculty's technological skills and pedagogical methods.

"This Congressional Award to TMCC will significantly enhance our ability to provide the highest standard of education for our state and to expand our qualified workforce. We will continue to attract businesses to our area as well as to promote expansion, retention and overall economic diversification in northern Nevada," Lt. Governor Lorraine T. Hunt wrote in her congratulatory proclamation.

"The one thing I always hear is 'what kind of workforce do we have?'" Ensign explained when speaking about bringing new businesses to Nevada. "It is critical that we have the type of workforce they need so that they have the type of people they can hire," he said.



Students work in a manufacturing technology lab at the TMCC Technical Institute, Edison Campus.

AAS, Manufacturing Technology

TMCC's new AAS in manufacturing technology will offer two options: industrial controls and computer-aided manufacturing. Two labs will be built to support the two career tracks. The first will be a computer numerical control machining lab with computers, table top mills, lathes and similar equipment. The other will be an industrial controls lab with conveyors, industrial robotics and programmable logic controllers. Both labs will use state-of-the-art technology including 3D imaging, computer simulations and computer controlled manufacturing.

Teaching Assistants Certificate

By 2006, the federal No Child Left Behind Act requires that all teaching assistants earn either an associate's degree or a certificate, or pass a proficiency exam. TMCC will offer the required certificate program for the more than 100 teaching paraprofessionals or teaching assistants currently employed in the Washoe County School District. The number of teaching assistants in the county is expected to increase 70 percent by 2008.

Center for Teaching Excellence

TMCC professors and instructors will receive training to update their skills and knowledge of computer technology for the classroom, as well as the instructional methodologies that are best suited to meet the needs of a dramatically changing population. Once 75 percent of TMCC's faculty members have upgraded their technological and professional skills, they will teach others through TMCC's Center for Teaching Excellence.



U.S. Senator John Ensign, (right) presents a Congressional Award to Dr. Philip Ringle, TMCC president, at the college's Technical Institute, Edison Campus.

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